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## **Washington State Patrol Most Wanted Fugitive Arrested in CA**

Evading capture for over ten years, Tony HILL was arrested by Deputy U.S. Marshals and local law enforcement officers in the Riverside, CA area, based on information developed by the Pacific Northwest Fugitive Apprehension Task Force (PNWFAT). HILL, 36 years old, was wanted by the Washington State Patrol (WSP) on charges of vehicular homicide and hit and run stemming from a May 8, 1995, collision.

“This arrest shows that no matter how long ago the crime was committed, or where you choose to hide, eventually you will be caught and brought to justice,” said United States Marshal Eric E. Robertson of the Western District of Washington.

Troopers and prosecutors allege HILL was driving on 72<sup>nd</sup> Street East in Tacoma when he struck the right rear of a truck causing it to hit a telephone pole. HILL fled the scene and the victim subsequently died as a result of injuries sustained in the collision. HILL, a member of a gypsy tribe, has evaded capture for over ten years by utilizing many alias names, different dates of birth and multiple social security numbers. HILL had been utilizing the name, Nick IRVINING, while living in CA in recent years.

The PNWFAT recently offered their assistance to the WSP in an effort to locate HILL. Information was quickly developed that led PNWFAT investigators to believe that HILL may be residing in Riverside County, CA. A collateral lead was sent to the U.S. Marshals Service sponsored Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force. Investigators there began conducting surveillance on a residence in Hemet, CA where they believed HILL was residing. At approximately 2:45 PM on Thursday afternoon, HILL was arrested at the residence without incident.

The PNWFAT is a U.S. Marshals-sponsored partnership comprised of investigators from the King County Sheriffs Office, Seattle Police Department, Washington State Department of Corrections, Social Security Office of Inspector General, and the U.S. Marshals Service. The Task Force is supported by the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative and was formed to concentrate apprehension efforts to remove federal, state and local fugitives from the streets. The Task Force objective is to disrupt illegal gun and drug traffickers in the Pacific Northwest and to reduce the amount of violence in the region.

For additional information on other major case fugitives, go to the U.S. Marshals Service's website at [www.usmarshals.gov](http://www.usmarshals.gov). For additional information on the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Initiative, go to the PSN website at [www.psn.gov](http://www.psn.gov).

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For information on the apprehension, call U.S. Marshal Eric E. Robertson at 206-370-8601; for information on the criminal case, call the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office at 253-798-3990 or WSP Lt. Gregory Miller at 360-704-2952. Photo of HILL: [http://www.wsp.wa.gov/crime/wanted\\_posters/hill.htm](http://www.wsp.wa.gov/crime/wanted_posters/hill.htm)